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JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1963

ONCE, I called myself Barbara ("Butcher") Vise . . . So many of you who sent good full reports, cuttings from newspapers and photographs of 40th Birthday Celebrations, are bound to think, this time, that I deserve the name.

But the cuts had to be made.

The necessity to make them means that, all over the country, there has been such an upsurge of spirit, such definite re-dedication, that it would move a mountain . . . but will not stretch these thirty-two pages. So you must stretch your generosity like the best elastic and be glad that *all* have got a line or two, even if—privately—you believe *your* Birthday ought to have hogged the lot!

As I have said on page 24, many cuttings and photographs will be sent on to Crutched Friars House, so that there will be a real sharing there in all the effort and all the lively things the membership has done (a) in re-dedication and (b) in seeing that hundreds and thousands more have heard of Toc H Women's Association.

"Martha"—being a fine woman!—has had a finger in some of this: read about her on page 16 and take a good look at her photographs. Sometimes *she* doesn't know where to look for a driver—but that is one of her ways of making friends with helpful "outsiders". Let all women remember, say I, that it helps to be helpless at the right time! It is not an easy lesson to learn—but everyone of us ought to put in some practice every now and then, and "Martha", beautiful to look at, also knows how to act dumb. . . . And in newspaper cutting after cutting from Middlesbrough Toc H Week you can see what she did to set the Press's heart on fire and ring all the right bells. . . .

New Year bells will have rung in 1963 by the time you read this and if you have made some good resolutions about being sweet and reasonable, perhaps you can bring yourself to bless The Butcher—in the kinder sense. . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Editor: BARBARA VISE

DR. P. B. ("Tubby") CLAYTON RESIGNS

FORTY YEARS AT ALL HALLOWS-BY-THE-TOWER

THE Rev. P. B. Clayton, C.H., M.C., D.D., the founder of Toc H, who has been Vicar of All Hallows-by-the-Tower, London, for forty years, announced his resignation from the living on November 30th, 1962. It will take effect early in the New Year when Dr. Clayton, who is in excellent health and spirits, will concentrate more fully upon Toc H, now preparing to celebrate, in 1965, the fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

"Tubby", as Dr. Clayton is affectionately known all over the world, was seventy-seven on December 12. He became Vicar of All Hallows on his thirty-seventh birthday anniversary, in 1922. It is the Guild Church of Toc H, whose world headquarters is opposite at 15 Trinity Square.

After retirement as Vicar, Dr. Clayton will make extensive pre-Jubilee tours of Toc H Branches in Britain and next autumn will visit Australia, his native land. All Hallows has no vicarage, and Dr. Clayton's permanent home will remain at his flat on Tower Hill.

Dr. Clayton has always regarded personal contact through visiting as the main task in his parish ministry. The population working in the parish has now grown to about 60,000 and the strain of visiting in offices, markets and factories, combined with Toc H activities, has made him realize that, at 77, he would not be able to continue to serve both of the two causes most dear to his heart. In 1954 he became a Doctor of Divinity (Lambeth) "for his services to the Church through Toc H".

WHITSUN, 1963

Saturday, 1st June - 8th June

A House Party for Toc H young people and their friends will be held at Philipps House, Dinton, Wiltshire. Enquiries to Holiday Week Secretary, Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.

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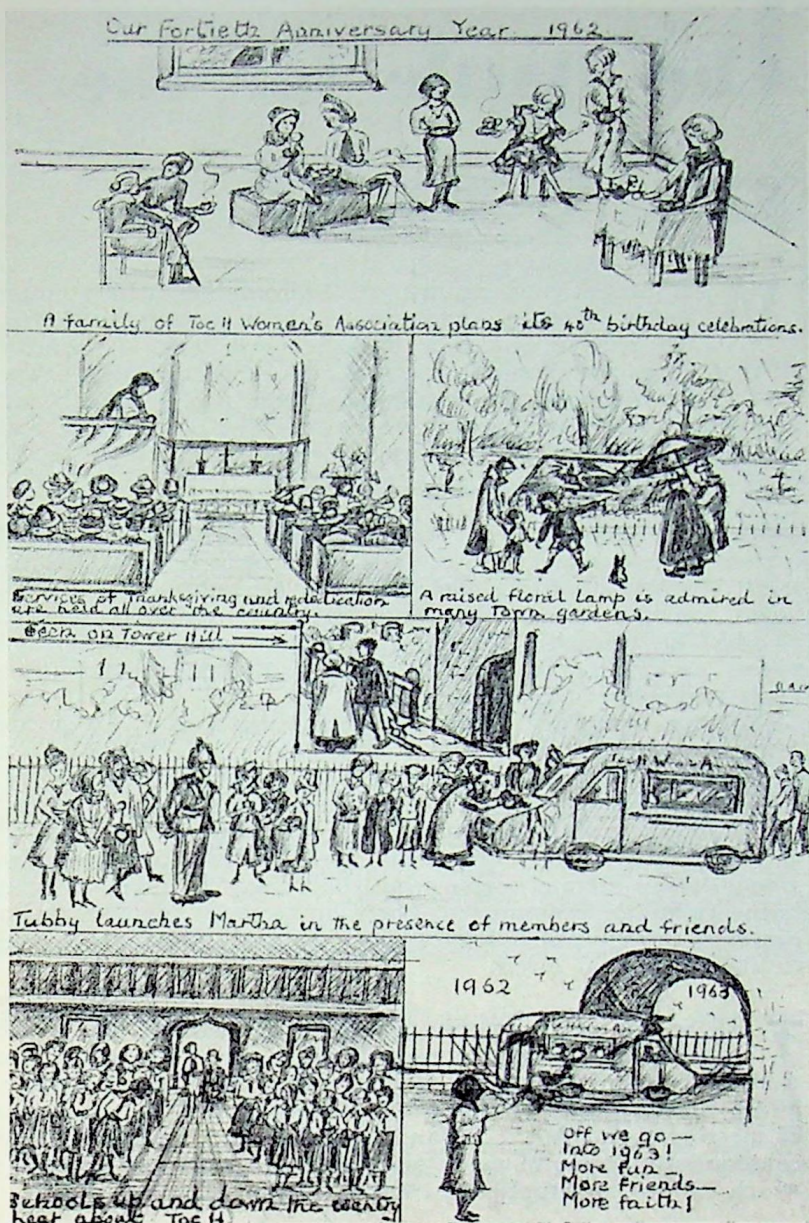
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Headquarters acknowledge with gratitude the anonymous gift of £10 towards the 50th Birthday fund.

Story of a Wonderful Year . . .

by Christina Lee



The Battle for the mind

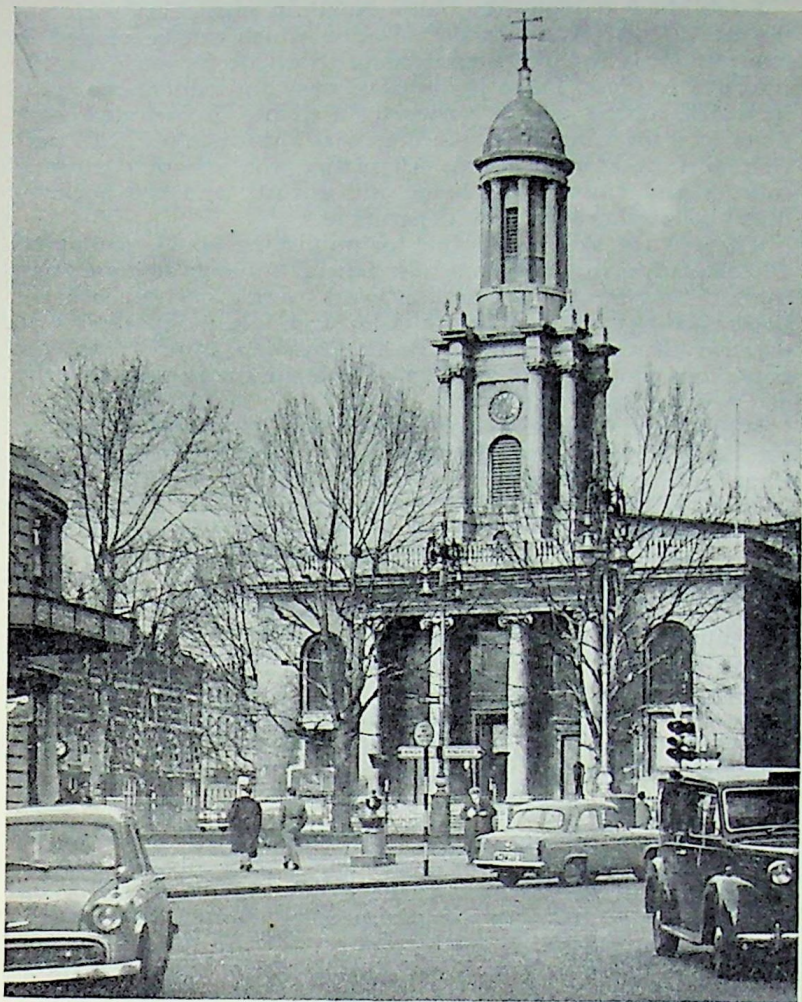
"WE are at war against all philosophies which fetter men's freedom and prevent them growing up after the pattern of manhood we see in Christ. We combat all that warps young minds. . . . And we are not ignorant of the size of the forces arrayed against us. Our task is urgent and immediate and the opportunity now knocking at our door will not last indefinitely." So said the Archbishop of York (Dr. F. D. Coggan) when he spoke to a meeting in the Drapers' Hall, London, on October 31st.

The Archbishop called for an army of Christian men and women who would help in the task of permeating world society at all levels in all races, with Christian reading material in all forms, and for financial aid on a princely scale to make this possible. He said the Communists were spending £500 million a year on propaganda—they realized that what a person first reads makes the greatest impression on him.

Christian literature must be transformed, said Dr. Coggan, from the Church's Cinderella and put in the forefront of strategy, planning and giving if the battle for the mind of the world was not to be lost in this generation.

By teaching primitive peoples to read, the Church had kindled a flame which had now become a raging fire for knowledge among newly literate people who would soon be wielding great influence in their countries. The Church must take action to put into these people's hands Christian reading matter, angled to all educational levels.

THE Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, one of the two societies which sponsored the meeting at which the Archbishop spoke of this challenge to Christians, is keenly aware of the needs of the world situation, and the problems of meeting them. But it is handicapped by lack of finance, and consequently knows of many vital needs for men and materials which cannot be supplied.



The Hub . . . PUBLIC RELATIONS IS THE ART OF SEIZING—OR SOMETIMES MAKING—AN OPPORTUNITY. THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK SAID RECENTLY THAT "OPPORTUNITY NOW KNOCKING ON OUR DOOR WILL NOT LAST INDEFINITELY". HERE IS AN ARTICLE ON SOME OF THE THINGS BEING DONE NOW TO PROMOTE CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE . . .

Established in 1698—the oldest Anglican missionary society—the S.P.C.K. is a complex organization which can be viewed in many ways. It is perhaps convenient to divide its work roughly into five sections. There is the missionary and educational side, in which, among a wide variety of activities, is included work done for "the Church on the high seas", through S.P.C.K. port chaplains and migrant-ship chaplains, for schools, training colleges and churches at home and abroad, and the Society's film and audio-visual aids department.

There is the side responsible for publishing books, pamphlets and paperbacks on religious and general subjects at home, and the side responsible for similar work overseas; there are the bookshops—35 in the British Isles and, quite separately, 20 overseas which are centres of the Christian Church. All the bookshops plough back any profits into the further distribution of Christian reading matter.

With the aim of using all possible means to reach all people, the S.P.C.K. helps to support many projects including the Uganda Church literature and radio centre at Mukono, where training is given in the use of various media for propagating the Christian Faith, and where a unique and substantial publishing programme is carried out; the Archbishop of East Africa's new clergy staff training centre in Nairobi, where the warden (a Canadian) will also strengthen the Christian literature programme from the theological viewpoint: a publisher and editor, who is also a priest, in India, helping and training Indian writers and translators; the Christian newspaper *New Day*, printed, published and circulated in Uganda by a European and African staff; and financing the Chinese Anglican literature committee's work in Hong Kong.

THE whole conception of "missionary work" has changed in recent years. It is no longer true that a missionary leads the community in which he or she settles, as of right; he or she works alongside and with the local people, helping them towards greater technical skills, such as nursing and printing, and, through example and teaching, leading them, too, to a knowledge of Christ.

Into this pattern of world-thinking, rather than parochial thinking, have been drawn a number of women, whose qualifications and gifts are being utilized by the S.P.C.K. There are, for example, 12 women who manage the Society's bookshops in places in Britain as varied as Bournemouth and Liverpool, Ipswich and Edinburgh. There are five others who manage overseas bookshops—work which involves them in safari-type journeys taking literature to people unable to reach the towns.

The Society's Chief Assistant for Overseas is a woman, Miss Daphne Terry. A Cambridge graduate in modern languages, she spent five years in wartime censorship, two in the Colonial Office and then three years in Government service in Tanganyika. Here, in her spare time, she undertook social welfare work which included teaching African women to read and write. But she found that when they had learnt to read, there were no books for them in their own language.

When family commitments brought her back to England she joined the S.P.C.K. and in her 12 years' service has seen many changes and improvements in the supply of books and magazines in many vernaculars. Her work has taken her to many places overseas and she has attended at least two notable conferences on the Christian literature situation, in Africa (at Kitwe) and, recently, in Germany.

She represents the Society on many councils and committees, among them the Christian Literature Council of the Conference of British Missionary Societies, and their Africa Committee, the South African Church Institute, the Jerusalem and the East Missionary Council, "East and West Review" editorial board, Key Books advisory committee and the United Society for Christian Literature general committee.

She is responsible for the Society's publishing programme for overseas, for advising on grants and literature work, and theological and teacher training overseas, as well as her council and committee work (Anglican and interdenominational).

THE hub of the S.P.C.K. wheel, from which radiates its many activities, is Holy Trinity Church, in busy Marylebone Road, London, not far from Euston Station and Baker Street. The Society's headquarters has been established here since 1956, when the parish was amalgamated with that of St. Marylebone and the church became redundant.

One of Sir John Soane's churches, it stands on an island site, surrounded by trees and grass, daily passed by streams of heavy traffic. Inside it is quiet, and the heart of this quiet may be found in the chapel, made from the original chancel and sanctuary. Services are held daily at 8 a.m. (except on Saturdays and Sundays) and on Wednesdays in the winter at 1.15 p.m., to which the public are welcomed.

The aisles and galleries were converted into corridors of offices on two floor levels; the nave into the Governance Room, where the S.P.C.K. Governing Body meets, and a library, with a film theatre above. In this, films of religious and general interest can be viewed, and the public is admitted free on Mondays, in the winter, at 1.15 p.m. and, by ticket, at 6 p.m.

In this headquarters work a number of women, apart from Miss Terry. There is Miss A. M. Jackson, responsible for post

distribution, whose family have served the Society for an unbroken 44 years. Miss E. M. Haworth, the Director's personal assistant, has been there 10 years. She took a degree in English at Cambridge and trained as a librarian. Her secretarial and administrative experience has taken her into hospital and legal work, and she has been registrar of a secretarial training college. Six months ago, when a Press and Public Relations Unit was set up, a professional journalist and P.R.O. who joined its staff was Miss U. S. Mason, an ex-Wren who had been Deputy Press Officer for the British Legion for over four years, and on the staff of monthly magazines and weekly newspapers. One of her spare-time activities is running a deanery press service in S.E. London which is inter-denominational and serves 30 churches.

The S.P.C.K. is the servant of the Church. But, like all workers, it needs maintenance. Maintenance in financial terms, and in terms of prayer, practical support of its bookshops, its exhibitions and its speakers. The Society will gladly co-operate with Toc H Women's Association Branches which would like to know more about its work. Enquiries may be made through a Diocesan or deanery secretary or to the Public Relations Office, Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

YOUR PRAYERS . . .

January 18th—25th*

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

March 1st

Women's World Day of Prayer.

March 18th—25th

The International Freedom from Hunger Week with the 21st as a special "hour" day when the gift of an hour of time, money, prayer, could be set aside for this cause.

May 13th—18th

Christian Aid Week.

During this week the work of Inter Church Aid and Refugee Service is brought yearly to public notice and money is raised for its many and continuing commitments throughout the world. This year it adds yet another concern to its programme in giving support to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign by the provision of tractors in under-developed areas in Asia and Africa and training the people in their use.

May 26th—June 3rd

The Universal Week of Prayer.

JAN SHEPPARD

* Leaflets with daily intercessions may be had from Toc H Women's Association, Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3, at 6 for 1/-. postage included.



Some of the girls in the young people's party at Poperinge last August with Major Rosalam, from S. India, and Padre Clifford Pollard

POPERINGE 1963

**ELSA M. PERRIN LISTS THE PARTIES
PLANNED FOR 1963 AS THEY STAND
AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS**

May 23rd—27th

Overseas Assembly.

June 15th—22nd

N. and E. Midlands Regional Party, mixed. Led by Miss Ruby Relf, 49 South Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Four nights in Bruges, three in Poperinge.

August 12th—19th

Winant Volunteers.

August 21st—31st

Party led by Cyril Cattell, T'oc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3, to include Bruges, Brussels and the Ardennes.

Aug. 31st—Sept. 9th

Joint Party. Applications to Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3, or Padre John Larter, 58 Mark Road, Headington, Oxford.

NOTES and NEWS

ALDWICK JOINT BRANCH: Nellie Allen reports, our town had a carnival in July to raise funds for Spastic Boys at Ashley House and when we were asked to take part in this our men soon got their heads together. On the Carnival day the majority of our Branch turned up and helped in many ways, one of our members having made a float. We have been going only for eighteen months but are already a happy bunch of people and think that Joint Branches should become more popular.

DERSINGHAM: Florence Wells reports, for our Annual Outing this year we paid a visit to Peckover House, Wisbech, a National Trust House worth a visit. We filled a coach with our own members and friends, and members of Toc H from Wisbech met us there. One man came with us—a Jamaican—and after looking round the house and wandering in the grounds we had a fish-and-chip supper in the Town, much to his delight. As well as enjoying the outing, we feel the village got to know Toc H better through the friends who came with us. Two from past outings have become members already.

HAYLE (CORNWALL): Una Brasher reports, we are grateful to all those who sent us wool so that we could knit blankets for the Oxford Famine Relief Association. We have also organized a Beetle Drive in aid of the British Sailor's Society. At our last meeting Mr. Kemp showed us coloured slides which he had taken to illustrate the "Main Resolution" and the "Four Points of the Compass".

HAMPDEN PARK ran a concert to raise funds for St. Mary's Old People's Friendship Club at Hydneye Hall. The Doris and Wendy Beal School of Dancing gave the entertainment to raise money for the old people's annual outing.

IONA WEEK: May 18th-25th, 1963. The Scottish Area of Toc H Women's Association are again to have the privilege of the use of accommodation at Iona Abbey for a Toc H Family Week in May. Members and friends, men and women, from all parts will be welcome to join the party. Further information from: Miss Anne Mackenzie, 12 Craighouse Avenue, Edinburgh, 10.



*Photograph by courtesy of
"The Visitor", Morecambe*

*Christine Whalley presenting a
bouquet to the Mayoress at the
opening of Morecambe Toc H
Women's Sale of Work. Mrs. A.
Davidson is to the left of the
Mayoress*

LINES G.B. or I. is the title of a book of verse by a member who has chosen "Aderf, the Versifier" as her pseudonym. It comes from St. Michael's Tenterden, Kent. On page 20 is a poem based on a sermon by "Tubby". Many of the poems show a great love of nature and an awareness of the small, significant things of life.

MAGHULL Branches, both of them, are delighted that their Founder Member, Molly Baker, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace. This honour is a recognition of her activities in a wide field of service for the benefit of others. Recently the two Branches held a combined coffee morning in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. and raised over £7.

MALDON: The Joint Branch took some elderly women from St. Peter's Hospital to watch the Maldon Carnival.

MORECAMBE, as a result of their Annual Sale of Work, reports Ethel Satterthwaite, organizing secretary, sent £50 to headquarters. The Mayoress of Morecambe opened the sale and Mrs. A. Davidson, Regional Secretary, also spoke. The whole event was fully reported in *The Visitor*, Morecambe.

NORTHERN AREA, reports Frances Beeton, has lately sustained a great loss in the unexpected death at the age of 56 of one of its liveliest members, Marion Toulson, Pilot of Norton Branch, lately District Secretary and Area Treasurer, was a leader of extension in her District and enthusiastic participator in all Area Gatherings or Week-ends. No tension at a meeting could withstand her humorous intervention, and friends found in her a tower of strength in periods of trouble. Her loved and breezy presence is tremendously missed in the District, perhaps most in the newest Branch she helped to establish, but throughout the Area and all the other ways in which she was active she will be long remembered.

OLDHAM: Margaret Lane reports, in the last week of September the Women's Association members joined in an exhibition of leisure-time activities, locally known as A.L.T.A. Thirty societies joined together to give the townspeople of Oldham an idea of what could be done with their leisure. The exhibition was held in a public hall in the town and was open for a week. We had a guest night to follow the exhibition to which over thirty people came.

SURBITON: Ethel Hutchings sent us a snapshot—taken outside our meeting place, she wrote, the first week after receiving our Lamp. In the photograph she is holding the Lamp and the group includes a member who recently went to Ghana and a visitor from the Port Elizabeth Branch in South Africa.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT: J. M. Laker reports, on September 22nd we assisted at the Autumn Fair in aid of Cheshire Homes. We ran the Bottle Stall and raised just over £20 for the Home. For weeks we collected bottles, empty and full. Then we spent evenings painting tops bright colours, filling bottles with bath salts, sugar, flour, salt, mint sauce and sweets. As we helped the Shaftesbury Home at their Garden Fête in the same way, we feel West Wickham members are now experts in collecting and filling empty bottles. A fortnight ago we held a Jumble Sale in aid of funds: we are now arranging our Christmas



Blankets at Hayle—

parcels for our refugee family and still very busy knitting cot blankets for the Cheyne Hospital.

WEST WORTHING: Florence Welman reports, in August nineteen children, not yet teen-agers, came by coach from Camberwell and Peckham, escorted by three mothers and some members of the Sydenham, Streatham and West Norwood Branches, to be the guests of the West Worthing Branch of Toc H Women's Association for a whole day.



*Surbiton Branch outside
their meeting place*



Weybridge's new hut was mentioned in the last LOG—here is its picture, with some of the members, sent by Nancy Wallis.

YORKSHIRE AREA. men and women, will be holding their 1963 Conference at the NALGO Holiday Camp, Cayton Bay, Scarborough. They have sent this information in good time hoping that neighbouring Areas will avoid arranging special functions on the same date—which is September 28th-29th.

Y.W.C.A.: Our *Twelve Days of Christmas* card has been chosen by the Y.W.C.A. as the cover for their December magazine. It will carry the name of Toc H Women's Association into many new homes.

West Wickham members feel they know all about running a Bottle Stall—a paying game!



MISS E. BARCHAM

THE death occurred on Sunday, November 4th, of Miss Edna Marguerite Grace Barcham of 1 Pelham Court, Marlow Road, Maidenhead. She was 75.

She was born in Saffron Walden in Essex in 1889 and became a qualified nurse in 1911 at Kings College Hospital. Two weeks after the outbreak of the first World War, she joined the Territorial Force Army Service and served until March, 1920. It was while she was at Poperinge in Belgium that she met the Rev. Tubby Clayton, founder of Toc H Mark 1, an organization which she was to support throughout her life.

She was a nurse at the Wingfield Orthopaedic Hospital, London, until 1923. In 1927 she became assistant matron at the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, a post which she held for two years. She returned there in 1930 to become matron and remained at the hospital in this position until she retired in 1949.

L.C.C. MEMBER

Miss Barcham then came to Maidenhead, where she soon became a member of the local Toc H organization. Until 1953, she was treasurer of the Association of Hospital Matrons. She was also a member of the London County Council.

She is chiefly remembered in the town as a hospital visitor at Maidenhead Hospital, in the Ray Nursing Home, and at St. Mark's. She visited residents at the All Saints' almshouses, and helped at the Deaf and Blind Club, and the King George VI Club for Elderly People.

(The obituary above is reprinted by permission of the MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER.)

I was known as "Buckie" of Islington, L.W.H., many years ago and I would like to pay a tribute to Miss Grace Barcham (Barchie) in those days. She helped to start that Branch and was a tower of strength and by her life an inspiration to us all. I am sure many will mourn her passing on November 4th at Maidenhead where she had been a member since her retirement.

LOUISE WILLIS

(SEE ALSO THE LETTER ON PAGE 32)

“MARTHA”

at



JIM BRASS SENT US THIS REPORT OF OUR TRAVELLER, WHO PROVED AN EYE-CATCHER

TWENTY-FOUR lamps of Toc H and Toc H Women's Association Branches were lit to form the climax of Toc H Week on Tees-side." So read the Evening Gazette report of a rally held in Middlesbrough on October 20th, 1962. For some months, the Tees-side District of Toc H Women's Association had been looking forward to the 40th Anniversary celebrations on that day, but it was only ten weeks before, that it had been decided to have a full week of Toc H—a *joint affair by both Associations*, 1922, in addition to being the foundation year of the forerunner of the Women's Association, saw also the start of Toc H in Middlesbrough. So there was a double 40th Birthday to celebrate.

Half a dozen people representing the two district teams (and with full power to act) threw out ideas and suggestions for a Toc H Week. Many Branches took them up and within a short space of time, a programme was drawn up covering every night in the week from October 13th to 20th.

Tees-side Toc H Week . . .

The purpose of the week was to make Toc H more widely known. Press publicity was essential and in addition to complete reporting of all activities in the morning and evening newspapers, a feature about Toc H was published in the October 13th issue of the "Evening Gazette". Every day for a week Tees-siders read of Toc H activities.

Window displays in Middlesbrough Town Centre and at North Ormesby drew viewers, as did the special displays in the Community Centres at Whinney Banks and Billingham.

200 window posters giving the week's programme were shown over the whole of Tees-side.

At all events there were display boards showing photographs of Toc H at work, with plenty of free literature.

A leaflet about Toc H on Tees-side was produced in time for the Week, and this was widely distributed. The leaflet was not just for the week, however, as it will continue to be used in recruiting for both movements.

But the eye-catcher of the week was "Martha". "Martha" was the talking topic of the district, particularly as she went on a

"Martha" parked at Redcar, still doing good work for Toc H--the Women's Association name is easy to read on her forehead and flank!



tour during the week and met most of the civic dignitaries of the area. She was the opportunity for talking to people about Toc H.

Activities during the week were intended to show something of the work of Toc H—a Branch doing a job, being interested in other organizations, entertaining itself and, for good measure, some money-raising.

Here, very briefly, is the programme of the week.

Friday, October 12th.—Official inauguration of Toc H Week by the Mayor and Mayoress of Middlesbrough (Coun. and Mrs. T. Williams) having morning tea in "Martha" outside the Town Hall. This was also the opportunity for a Press release.

Saturday, October 13th.—North Ormesby Branch—secondhand bookstall and display in North Ormesby Market Place. "Martha" was present.

At Guisborough, the local Branch and Billingham Branch had a secondhand bookstall, the proceeds from which were for the Meals on Wheels Service. "Martha" visited by representatives of the Guisborough Urban District Council.

At Middlesbrough, in the evening, a concert of local vocal talent arranged by Acklam and Brookfield Branches.

Sunday, October 14th.—At 8 a.m., at Park Methodist Church, Middlesbrough, a Communion service at which 60 members of Toc H and Toc H Women's Association attended and had breakfast together afterwards. "Martha" brought in some members from outlying districts.

In the afternoon, a display in St. Luke's Hospital, where Grove Hill Branch meets.

Monday, October 15th.—In the afternoon, "Martha" was at Redcar.

North Ormesby Toc H Branch invited old members and new friends to a get together.

Tuesday, October 16th.—"Martha" was at Norton during the afternoon.

Middlesbrough Branch of Toc H entertained the Blind.

Norton and Roseworth Branches of Toc H Women's Association held a coffee evening and curio exhibition. Mrs. Norah Howard spoke.

Guisborough Branch of Toc H held an open night.

Wednesday, October 17th.—A concert in Middlesbrough by the Elizabethan Singers arranged by Middlesbrough Branch Toc H.

Thursday, October 18th.—The Mayoress of Darlington (Mrs. F. Thompson) and Lady Starmer had coffee with "Martha" as did many Darlington people.

In the afternoon, The Mayor of Stockton (Coun. E. W. Temple) had tea with "Martha".

Billingham Branch of Toc H received its Lamp at a Guest Night, jointly organized with North Ormesby Branch. The Vice-

Chairman of the Urban District Council, the Chairman of the Community Association, the District and Area Chairmen of Toc H made their contribution. Charles V. Young, ex-Area Secretary, now Warden of Prideaux House, presented the Lamp.

Acklam and Brookfield Branches of Toc H Women's Association held an open night when the speaker was the Rev. R. White (Marske) on the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Thornaby Branch of Toc H Women's Association held a guest night.

Norton Branch of Toc H Women's Association held their re-dedication service in Norton Parish Church.

Friday, October 19th.—"Martha" was near Middlesbrough Town Hall.

Norton Branch Toc H held a guest night.

A Film Show took place in Middlesbrough—the latest colour films of Switzerland, Scotland, etc.—and tea for 160 people.

Saturday, October 20th.—The Mayoress of Thornaby met "Martha".

The 40th Anniversary of Toc H Women's Association—Service of Thanksgiving in Park Methodist Church, Middlesbrough, attended by members of both associations from many parts. Tea was followed by a Rally at which "Peth" (Mrs. A. Davidson) was the main speaker. Entertainment was a burlesque fashion parade provided by members of Middlesbrough Toc H and Rotary Club.

This event was the culmination of a week of Toc H activity, the like of which had not happened before. It was guessed that there was a certain amount of goodwill extended towards Toc H but it really became evident during that week. Many friends have been made, quite a number of whom may well join as members, and some have already become Builders. There have been offers of television and radio sets, volunteers for service and at least one sound possibility of the start of a new unit. Many thousands of people have heard of Toc H for the first time and those who had heard of it before have learned a little more about it. But publicity alone will not extend Toc H—it is now up to individual members to cultivate the seeds which have been sown. The full results of the week will never be known.



OLD AGE

Looks at ITSELF . . .

OLD people! We hear a lot about them to-day and the science of geriatrics is much to the fore. Having reached the age of 70 plus, I can now look it squarely in the face.

Whatever statistics may say, old age depends not on the number of years but on our attitude to life. "With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come", wrote Shakespeare. There was no organized care of old people in his days but he realized that a happy disposition paves the way to a serene and contented old age. It is not a matter of schooling or education but rather a vital interest in our fellows accompanied by a well stored mind.

As we grow older we realize how much comfort and happiness can be had from sharing, and finding that we still have a place in life and can be of use.

But we do not become happy and useful *because* we are old. We must have been that sort of person before, so that we are merely following the way shaped when young. In the course of a long life we are bound to suffer griefs as well as joys and it is possible to see a pattern emerging when it is looked at as a whole.

Of course we have to slow down and the active life we led in the past no longer appeals, but there is still a great deal left and we can, and should, live up to the limit of our usefulness.

If we are fortunate enough to be grandparents, there are endless possibilities of helping the younger generation, but even if we have not reached that distinction, but retain a sympathy and understanding of the young, we can still give them a helping hand.

It is a mistake to think that the power of the mind necessarily deteriorates with age. There are men like Lord Russell, for example, who are capable of leadership at a very advanced age.

The greatest thing we can gain from life is the wisdom which comes from experience, and if we have that we are not likely to find ourselves barren of usefulness in old age. The way to prepare for it is to regard it as a new chapter and not the end of a volume.

*"Your editorial in the September-October
number suggested this article . . ."*

wrote **MARY B. LADELL**

A GOOD JOB

by **MARJORIE STILLMAN**

IN common with most other members of Toc H, we were concerned about the problem of loneliness among the elderly people of our district, and apart from the usual visiting of them in their homes and in hospitals, we felt there was a need for a club where they could meet together once a week to spend a social hour or two among their friends and contemporaries in warm and cheerful surroundings.

As Kirkby Lonsdale is a small town, the only convenient place where such a club could be held was at the local Institute. Unfortunately the rent is rather high and we could not undertake this expense on our own, so we called a meeting of representatives of other organizations in the town to explore the possibilities, and also approached the Institute Committee who generously came to our rescue and offered us the Hall free of charge for a trial period of three months.

As a result, we and other organizations in the town have formed a working committee, and a club for 60s and over was opened recently, all the members of the Committee being responsible for the refreshments and acting as hostesses for the initial meeting. The husband of one of our members entertained the old people with some conjuring tricks, another friend and her accompanist gave them some singing and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. There were 40 people at that first meeting, all dressed in their nicest clothes and obviously pleased to have the opportunity of chatting together over a good cup of tea and some home-made cakes and biscuits. Packs of cards, games of dominoes and other table games had been provided and it was good to see them enjoying themselves round the little tables.

A charge of 3d. is made for the tea, and 1d. raffles for packets of tea, sugar, etc., help to start a fund so that eventually the club will be able to pay for itself, and it is hoped that after the three months' trial period it will be really established, and the over 60s themselves able to form their own committee and run the show. In the meantime a rota of hostesses has been worked out and these will be responsible for providing the refreshments and seeing that everything is running smoothly.

OVERSEAS

By **ELISABETH WORTH**
Overseas Secretary

CENTRAL AFRICA: Miss Macfie opened the Christmas Fair at **KITWE, N. RHODESIA**, on November 17th at which about £500 was raised for the Staff Fund for Central Africa. This was a corporate effort by all Central African Branches and the first time that such a large money-raising scheme has been held in Northern Rhodesia. This now has nine established Branches, and a tenth, to be called New June, is just getting under way. Seven of them form the Copperbelt District Team.

SOUTH AFRICA: News of 40th year celebrations in different parts of the world are still coming in. **VEREENIGING** acted as hostesses to about sixty members of Transvaal Branches on Kruger Day, October 10th, when a Thanksgiving Service was held in the beautiful Anglican church there, taken by a Presbyterian Padre, who stressed the value and importance of the right attitude to Christian service. Girl Guides cared for the smaller children so that their mothers could go to church. The party then went to the Vaal river, lunched in the Sea Cadets' hall and spent a happy afternoon together.

PINETOWN, NATAL, reports interesting meetings. Mrs. Masters of the Sparks Estate group, addressed the Branch, on another occasion the Toc H men joined them to hear the Director of Bantu Administration in Pinetown speak on the Social Service Activities in the new Bantu Location, Klaarwater. An Indian Child Welfare organizer, Mrs. Sarawan, spoke of her work and in mentioning her problem of having to take an aged couple of 110 and 100 years to the Magistrate for increase in their pensions, was spontaneously assisted with "bobs in" to provide taxi transport. Jobs include money-raising for the Hill Crest Chronic Sick Hospital, a Variety Concert and chocolate Easter Eggs for each patient on Easter Day, and monthly visits. "Just imagine, Mrs. Jo Impson makes crumpets for 97 patients and has been doing this for 15 years!" The Wednesday morning Club for Elderlies is growing too large for its premises.

In the **ORANGE FREE STATE, NOORDHOEK** Branch is having a monthly training evening. Jobs include helping at the Otangia Hospital, where Matron is especially glad to have their help with patients recovering from breakdowns, as they need friendly contact with the outside world to help them to regain confidence. The Branch gave a play-reading in which two patients took parts, and are carrying on with other forms of entertainment and help.

WELKOM Branch are still hoping to raise enough money to take the children of the Winburg Orphanage for another seaside holiday. (In 1959 they took 175 children, in two parties, at a cost of about £1,000—this sum included gifts in kind.) Their Bantu Women's Club, run on Toc H lines, is prospering and its members have now taken over the visiting of patients in the Bantu hospital, formerly done by members.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: New settlers here who find themselves in the Smithfield Migrant Hostel, Adelaide, cannot fail to meet Toc H, as our members visit there regularly each month and provide special teas. **ELIZABETH** Branch, now in its second year, goes each time and is assisted by other Branches in turn, all combining for the annual Christmas Party in December. The Area continues to hold monthly Luncheon Meetings for members and friends where there is always an interesting Guest Speaker. **REMARK** members combined with Toc H there to run an Eisteddfod at the end of August in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the town, at which there were instrumental, vocal, speech, drama and dancing sections.

Marion Deschamps of the **PARIS** Branch has written a cookery book, the proceeds of which in France will go to Toc H W.A. there for its work with old people. It is called "French Home Cooking", 12s. 6d., published by Arlington Books. Mme. Deschamps is hoping to publish another, "French Regional Cooking", in due course, the proceeds also to be given to Toc H W.A. there.

Mrs. Hedger of **MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE** Branch, writes: "The Jamaican nurse I had from Derby Royal Infirmary was a lovely girl. We all loved her and she will come to us for her holidays and weekends during her three-year stay in England. She's such a lonely little soul—doesn't know a person in England and up to coming to us had *never* left the hospital, other than to buy stamps, etc., in Derby. I feel we can do a great deal more to help these girls."

LINES ON THE

TO GIVE "EVERYONE" A SHOW, ALL REPORTS HAVE HAD TO BE CUT TO A LINE OR TWO AND MANY GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS OMITTED. SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN SENT TO HEADQUARTERS SO THAT SOME IMPORTANT PEOPLE, AT LEAST, MAY HAVE A LOOK!

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICTS: On the evening of October 5th, the Deputy Lord and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham and Miss Rose Radford (Area Chairman) welcomed 220 members, friends and guests to Aston Hall, and this lovely mansion was lit entirely by candles. Guests included Dr. Mary Woodhall (Director of the City Art Gallery), Canon Bryan Green (Rector of Birmingham), and representatives of the leading women's organizations in the city. A civic welcome, brief speeches and the Ceremony of Light were followed by a buffet supper.

BRIDGWATER ran a Toc H Display in the window of the local S.W. Gas Board's show-rooms.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS were pleased on August 19th to welcome members of other Branches to look at the Lamp flower-bed in the Abbey Gardens and to join them in an open-air service there and in the Congregational Church Hall for tea and talks.

CREDITON held a service on September 29th in the Congregational Church and afterwards there was a get-together and talks in the schoolroom. Representatives from several churches and youth organizations attended.

HARROGATE: Grace Midgley, Chairman, planted a golden sycamore in Montpellier Parade for the Branch. Alderman A. V. Milton attended on behalf of the Mayor and there was a good gathering for the ceremony.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS are grateful to the Parks and Gardens Department for cornering the floral clock in the White Rock Gardens at Hastings with a Lamp.

HILD DISTRICTS had a Birthday Party, organized by the Peterlee Branch and held in the Peterlee Methodist Church Hall by permission of the Branch Padre who also conducted the Service of Re-dedication.

40TH BIRTHDAY

HOVE, BRIGHTON AND PATCHAM decided to have a combined Thanksgiving Service, their special effort to get 'Toc H known in the locality. Invitations were sent to all women's organizations, people of note and friends. They were also given through the Press and Church magazines. The collection went to buy a garden seat for the Old Folks' Home at Preston.

KIDDERMINSTER had a "real sit down supper" to which they invited local women's clubs, possible recruits and the Press—and Phyllis Wolfe "to come and tell them all about it". Nearly 90 people attended and there was good Press coverage.

Some of the 2,000 people who were present at the West Midlands 40th Birthday celebration in Coventry Cathedral: With the Bishop of Coventry are (left to right), Miss M. Fowler (Gen. Sec.), Miss M. Coe (Area Pilot), Mrs. K. G. Bloxham (Chairman of C.E.C.), Miss A. B. S. Macfie (Founder Pilot), The Countess of Harrowby (President), Miss K. Jenning (Area Sec.), and Miss Rose Radford (Area Chairman).

Photograph by courtesy of "Coventry Evening Telegraph."



LINCOLNSHIRE AREA joined the Toc H men in a Festival on September 29th at Sleaford. The Festival was partly to celebrate the 40th Birthday of the Women's Association and also a get-together with Toc H. Some 220 people attended the opening Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in the Westgate Methodist Church; they were addressed by Padre Skerratt. This was followed by a Festival programme showing Toc H in action.

LIVERPOOL was the scene of one of the Festivals, and 360 members, from Gretna down to Stoke-on-Trent attended. The Service was held in St. Nicholas Church and the guest speaker of the evening afterwards was Miss "Meg" Stocker, Governor of Askham Grange Open Prison, York.

LONDON REGION on October 20th celebrated with a Service at the City Temple, conducted by the Rev. P. H. Munday, Padre of Shoburness Branch, the address given by the Rev. K. Bloxham, Minister of Ealing Broadway Methodist Church. In the evening at St. Pancras Town Hall, one of the high spots was the talk by Miss Janet Lacey, Director of Inter-Church Aid, about the World Council of Churches' meeting at New Delhi.

LONG EATON ran a jumble sale in the old "Bacon Shop" in the Market Place, raising money for the "Freedom from Hunger" Campaign. The result came to more than £34.

MYRTHYR TYDFIL had a Lamp flower-bed in Cyfarthfa Park.

NEWCASTLE (STAFFS.) presented a park seat to Newcastle Corporation for Queen's Gardens where old people and the disabled are able to rest. The Mayoress received the seat during a brief ceremony of commemoration in the Gardens.

ST. PETER PORT (GUERNSEY) and Northern Branches held a joint service of Thanksgiving and Rededication. After the service there were talks on the meaning and activities of Toc H.

SEAFORD had a floral arrangement in the Crouch Gardens.

SHERBORNE chose a teak seat for public use as their commemorative gift to the community.

SOUTHSEA had a floral garden which caused much comment from visitors to the town. The celebrations included a social evening during which members welcomed Alice Welford back to the District. Members from the Isle of Wight joined in.



*Photograph by courtesy
of the "Leicester Mercury"*

*The Ceremony of Light at the
East Midlands Area Festival on
October 13th*

*"Cobby" Dyer, Pilot of Sudbury, Suffolk, Branch, collecting
on the Persian Earthquake Relief Stall on September 22nd*



SOUTH WESSEX DISTRICT celebrated with a Rally in the Ballroom at Bournemouth Pavilion on October 6th. The Chairman (Jean Rankin) opened the meeting by saying that the enthusiastic support of our six Branches had made it possible to plan for this big Family Gathering. She welcomed members of H.Q. Staff, Regional Secretary, Toc H members, Builders and friends from 16 other Branches, and she introduced our General Secretary, who took over as Rally Chairman. Miss Macfie took Light and led Home-Going Prayers and Mrs. Worth in her talk "Round the World in 40 Years" told of the development of Toc H overseas during this period, and outlined plans for expansion. After tea Miss Alice Welford and Miss C. Lee (Schools' Secretary) joined the other three members of Staff to form an "Any Questions" panel.

STOURBRIDGE: 10,000 plants were used by the Stourbridge Parks Superintendent in the Lamp design planted for the Birthday. Stourbridge and Lye Branches were invited by the Mayor and Mayoress of Stourbridge to view the collection of glass in the Council House and afterwards were entertained in the Mayor's Parlour.

Photograph by courtesy of the "Bournemouth Times"

At the South Wessex Rally in the Pavilion Ballroom, Bournemouth, left to right, Mrs. Elisabeth Worth, Miss A. B. S. Macfie, Miss J. Rankin and Miss M. Fowler



SUDBURY decided that the recent earthquake in Persia called for their special effort. They ran a stall on Sudbury Market Hill on September 22nd which raised £18.

TRENT VALLEY DISTRICT: The *Nottingham Evening News* published a special article by Yvette Frymann before the District's celebrations—at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham—which combined the topical news with some historical background of the Movement. Other Branches have been excellent, too, in this kind of publicity. The celebrations consisted of a Rededication Service and a Guest Night.

WEST OF SCOTLAND DISTRICT held their celebrations in Glasgow. They began with a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication in St. John's Church, Sauchiehall Street, and this was well attended by members and friends. The collection taken was given to "Feed the Hungry". Afterwards, Audrey Davidson addressed the get-together.

WODEN AND WULFRUN held an evening reception at a local restaurant to which thirty guests representing various women's organizations in the town and district were invited. Elisabeth Worth spoke on Toc H Overseas and the Mayoress of Wolverhampton cut the cake.

YORKSHIRE AREA on Saturday, September 29th, held a joint training week-end to celebrate the 40th Birthday, at Sheffield University, Hall of Residence. The theme of the conference was "Witness, Service and Unity" and this had been announced over the radio in "The Week Ahead".

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Letters . . .

DEAR EDITOR,

Re these "Burning Socials Questions" . . . *Thinking Fairly*. Our M.P., Mr. Nabarro, is to speak to us in February on "The Housewife and the Common Market" for which occasion we are hiring a large hall and inviting other organizations. Unusual perhaps for Toc H but this is certainly one of the problems of our day. Do we take the lead often enough in these matters?

G.W.

(Kidderminster)

DEAR EDITOR,

I read the article on Trade Unions with great interest and I would like to ask Ted Inglis what he considers is the real purpose of Trade Unions today? Historically I know they have done a great job in improving the lot of the workers, but now it seems that they can't stop. After having discussions with Branch officials and Union members, I don't see how they can.

I joined my particular Union because I felt that, in the huge impersonal organization where I work, the individual is very likely to be trodden under, and I might one day be glad of a voice, stronger than mine, to state my case. I look upon my 3 gns. annual subscription as a kind of insurance premium, and I don't consider the money wasted because I haven't yet required their help. I hope I never will. I certainly don't want constant increases in pay, with the consequent spiral of increased costs. That seems the way to economic ruin.

I am told, however, that the average worker is not content with such a negative attitude; unless he sees some return for his money in better pay or conditions, he will cease to belong. The Unions are therefore forced to engage in a continuous struggle with the management in order to maintain, let alone increase, their membership.

I couldn't take an active part in my Union affairs, I disagree with their whole attitude, which seems to encourage the innate selfishness of people. Until there is a complete change of outlook in Union members, I don't see much room for Toc H, or much hope for better industrial relations.

J.M.

DEAR EDITOR.

I have not written to you before, but I thought that I must not fail to do so of the visit last October 20th which a party of 33 members and friends of Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City Branches took, accompanied by the Padre of Hatfield Branch, to Coventry Cathedral.

We attended the service there among a congregation of about 2,000 other members, on the occasion of the West Midlands Area celebrating our 40th birthday.

All members of the party enjoyed the visit immensely. We all appreciated to the full the generosity of the W.M.A. in inviting us and others to join them in their Thanksgiving Service.

It was an opportunity that many of us would probably have missed even if we had gone to look over the Cathedral of our own accord. Most likely we would not have been able to take part in a service.

As Secretary of Hatfield Branch I wrote to our local paper and was rewarded by the inclusion of all the information I supplied accurately printed.

All members of this Branch are very grateful indeed to the members of West Midlands Area.

KATHARINE KING
(Hatfield)

DEAR EDITOR,

Padre Sam Evans, Terry Mailes and I would be less than human if we hadn't enjoyed the letter from Phyllis West and the "verse picture" by Old Dintonian in the November-December Log, and churlish if we didn't send a warm thank-you to them through this one. But that's not the whole story as I am sure you must know. One swallow doesn't make a summer, and it requires more than three people to turn a "mixed" group of 37 children, women and men into the happy party we were at Philipps House last August. It was, in fact, *a corporate job*. At the risk of being tedious may I quote from the London Letter Elisabeth Worth gave me the privilege of writing for the Overseas Magazines:—

"Such a week," I wrote, "demonstrated, without setting out to, the purpose for which we exist. All these individuals of various shapes, sizes, ages, backgrounds and views, quickly became (because of our common purpose and prayers together?) a real community—caring for the handicapped member, concerned that others should have a good time, rejoicing with the one who had a birthday, freely voicing opinions and listening to others.

It was team-work well laced with humour.

ALICE WELFORD
(Lympstone)

DEAR EDITOR.

I just want to shake hands with a "fellow traveller". That phrase has developed unpleasant connotations these days but taken as I mean it it has a cosy feeling—one of fellowship. All this is brought forth by your saying in your editorial in the current Log that you have never been bored. Neither have I. never in my life and it is stretching out now—62 to be exact.

Do you know we are considered a "queer breed" these days. When I tell anyone I've never been bored in my life they look at me as though I should be behind bars.

HELLEN C. MORRISON
(Nellsville, Pa.)

DEAR EDITOR.

You may already know all I am going to tell you in this letter—but I feel it is better for Editors to be "told twice"—than not at all in cases like this.

I enclose a cutting about Miss Barcham, of Maidenhead Branch—and previously to that Branch—E.C. and Tower Hill Branch. "Barchie" was also a member there during the time she was Matron at the Eastern Hospital during the years 1930-1949 and many "E.C." members like myself during that time knew and loved her and will remember her with deep affection.

MARJORIE CAWSEY
(North Cornwall)

DEAR EDITOR.

An active member of Acton Toc H Blind Social Club, who lives in a Home for the Blind, would very much like to have a short holiday as a paying guest in a private house or small guest house, preferably on the south coast, where there would be someone who could take her out for walks and bus rides. We should be very grateful to hear of any address.

MAUDE ENDACOTT
(Secretary, Acton Branch Toc H W.A.,
21 Twyford Crescent, London, W.3)

DEAR EDITOR.

Most members of the Warden Family will have heard of the premature retirement of Vic and Bill Martin from Warden Manor on account of the rapid deterioration in Bill's health and followed so soon afterwards by her death last March.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an opportunity for anyone who might otherwise have been missed to contribute to a retirement gift for Vic. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to "The Vic Martin Testimonial" and sent to me without delay at 61 Glencoe Road, Bushey, Watford, Herts.

ALAN HAWKINS
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